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CITY HOLDS BIKE LANE SAFETY EVENT FEATURING DOWNTOWN BIKE ROUTE

INDIANAPOLIS –The City of Indianapolis Office of Sustainability and Department of Public Works teamed up with Bicycle Indiana to host a bike lane safety event today at the Indy Bike Hub, educating residents on bike lane markings, signage, and sharing the road practices.

“Education and awareness are important components of the City’s bike lane outreach plan, and this includes providing resources for drivers and cyclists alike to learn about how to share the road,” said Department of Public Works Director Lori Miser. “We work with many groups and organizations such as Bicycle Indiana and IndyGo to help expand our outreach efforts so that people may better understand how to travel along or near the bike lanes.”

The event highlighted the road markings used in the City’s current bike lines and equipped drivers and cyclists with tools to be safe on the roadways. Highlighted safety tips include:

- Always allow 3 feet of space between a vehicle and a bicyclist
- Use extra caution when entering a green lane area where bike lanes and car lanes cross to allow drivers to make right turns
- Pay extreme caution on roads without a bike lane that have a sharrow, or image, of a bike with two chevron arrows, because they do not contain a traditional bike lane but are identified as a bike route
- Cyclists should ride with traffic; it is extremely dangerous to ride against traffic
- Bicyclists should always wear bright-colored clothes, use front and rear lights during dark hours, signal turns and wear a helmet

For more information on bike lane safety and Mayor Greg Ballard’s vision to making Indianapolis one of the most livable and sustainable cities in the Midwest, visit www.indy.gov/bikeways.

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